

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 25, with the following paragraph:

However, recently, so-called cross-site search sites are constructed on the Internet. For example, "Hon no shiori/the search engine for new books, old books and secondhand books" whose URL is ~~http://~~http://www.crypto.ne.jp/search.html that could be browsed on February 24, 2003, and "WPC AENA/Ultimate weapon for finding a hotel" whose URL is ~~http://~~http://arena.nikkeibp.co.jp/tec/web/gaz/90/ that could be browsed on February 24, 2003.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 34, line 4, with the following paragraph:

~~Receiving-Returning to Fig. 4, upon receiving~~ the screen data, ~~at S105~~ the web server 27 transmits an HTTP response including the screen data in its body to the web browser 16 of the user terminal 10 that has requested the information retrieval. Then the web server 27 returns the process to S101 and stands by until receiving the next HTTP request. In addition, the web browser 16 of the user terminal 10 that received the screen data displays the search result screen on the display 12 based on the screen data.